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In re Application of:

Corisis et al.

Serial No.: 09/864,698

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For: LEAD FRAME ASSEMBLIES WITH
VOLTAGE REFERENCE PLANE AND IC
PACKAGES INCLUDING SAME

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Examiner: D. Graybill

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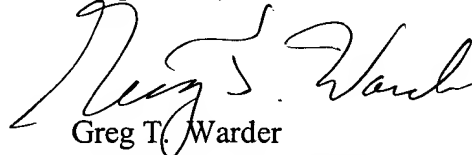
Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,645.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also enclosed are Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) with attached Replacement Sheet (1 sheet) and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1 sheet); Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance; and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees.

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (13 pages) with attached

Replacement Sheet (1 sheet) and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1 sheet)

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 21, 2003. The purpose of this communication is to set forth Applicant's comments, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), on the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 18 through 26 set forth in the Office Action mailed May 9, 2003.

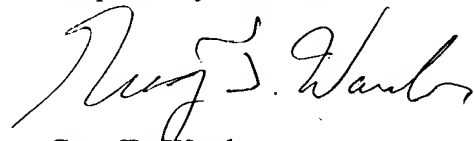
In the Office Action of May 9, 2003, the Examiner indicates:

The prior art does not teach the invention of claims 18-26 as a whole including an intervening neck extending across said another, single side of said lead frame and conductively connecting said first voltage reference plane and said second voltage reference plane.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the scope of the claims is based on the actual language of the claims and equivalents thereof, and not on a paraphrase or summary of the claim language. Independent claim 18 recites features not identically reflected in the Examiner's statements. Furthermore, dependent claims 19 through 26 recite elements in addition to those of independent claim 18 and which are also not reflected in the Examiner's statements. Such additional features and elements provide additional reasons for patentability in accordance with the literal language thereof and all equivalents.

Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance as stated are not relevant to, or wholly encompassing of, a particular claim, independent or dependent, Applicant assumes that (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e)) the Examiner has determined that the record of the prosecution as a whole of the application makes clear the reasons for allowing those claims. Further, it appears, pursuant to M.P.E.P. 1302.14, that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is not intended to encompass all of the reasons for allowance.

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